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Dear Harold,

I must be experiencing premature senility, because this would have occurred to me sooner: Early news accounts on the afternoon of the assassination reported that the funeral would probably be held in Boston. So, you're probably right: it would have been natural for Woodward or someone else in Washington to send a shipping contract to Bethesda.

I'm not aware of D.L.'s appearance on cable-TV. If you find out more about it, please let me know.

One further note on the last A of your letter of 1/23 to Sylvia, which you carbon copied to me. From my reading of the book, DL had absolutely nothing prior to the publication of the HSCA report and supplements. I know that he led everyone to believe that he had discovered something spectacular in Tavel's files. It now seems that this was part of his peculiar strategy of picking everyone's brains (mine included). As you know, I've long been suspicious of DL as being something other than crazy, and something other than what he represented himself as being. His book is not simply "disinformation"; it is a mockery of this criminal problem area of the case.

I'd like to suggest one way of handling this, other than (or in addition to) picking up Sylvia's

first four per. Since you know Landace and
Lundberg, why not suggest that they put a little
pressure on MacMillan to identify the neurologist
and the forensic pathologist who checked the book
for them. Let MacMillan or D.L. give us the name
of a single qualified medical expert who says it is
possible to fake wounds on a body in such a
manner as to deceive autopsy pathologists into
thinking they are gunshot wounds! And let's see
their report to MacMillan!

In light of the DOJ documents which I received
last week, I've tucked away the following questions
for future investigation and thought:

- (1) Other than the unsigned copy of the letter from
RFK to Buckley which you published in P.M., is
there any other proof that RFK asked Buckley to
transfer the autopsy materials to the Archives? And,
where is the signed original of that letter?
- (2) What or who prompted RFK to do this at
that particular time?
- (3) Why the one-month delay between the time the materials
were transferred to Lincoln and the arrival of Bruce Novello
to take them off Lincoln's hands?

Best,

Roger